

INTERNET ACCESS THROUGH CONVENTIONAL TELEPHONES

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0037] A method of providing real-time Internet access to a caller using only a standard telephone and plain old telephone service. The method includes receiving at a local switch a destination number representing a request for Internet access from the caller; routing the call to an Internet server for providing the Internet access; converting the destination number to a URL at the Internet server; routing the URL from the Internet server to the Internet; receiving a response from the Internet at the Internet server, the response including digital information; and converting the digital information in the response to a voice message, the voice message including information from the Web site and prompts for the caller; and routing the voice message to the caller.